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Iowa Birdline (319) 338-9881 for October 15
Two very interesting birds were discovered in the state over the weekend; MEW GULL in Polk County and SHARP-TAILED SANDPIPER in Johnson County. These birds are the week's highlights, along with the continued presence of CALIFORNIA GULL in Polk County, and SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER in Monroe County,

The ^{JUVENILE} SHARP-TAILED SANDPIPER was found by Tom Kent on Sunday morning, October 14th at the Coralville Reservoir, and was seen by many during the late afternoon. It was in with dozens of PECTORAL SANDPIPERS and COMMON SNIPES. To look for this bird, from Exit 4 of I-380, go west on Johnson County Road F-28 for about 3 1/2 miles, then north on gravel for 1 1/2 miles, then west 1/4 mile to wet area that runs to the northeast from the road. Earlier in the day, it was in other wet areas farther to the west, but also on the north side of the road. This would be the third state record for this bird. In other news from the Coralville Reservoir, a big day on the 13th netted 81 total species with an amazing 14 shorebird species, including DUNLIN, BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER, SANDERLING, LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER, and STILT, WESTERN, and BAIRD'S SANDPIPERS, most of which were seen from the end of the Babcock Access Road. There were also 7 BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERONS near the DuPont Bridge, 13 sparrow species, including SHARP-TAILED and HARRIS', 10,000 TREE SWALLOWS, late TENNESSEE WARBLER and HOUSE WREN, an EASTERN PHOEBE, and 3 RUSTY BLACKBIRDS. Elsewhere in southeast Iowa, a PEREGRINE FALCON was near Waterworks Park in Fairfield, and an early TREE SPARROW was at Fairfield, both on the 13th.

In the Central, a second winter MEW GULL was discovered by Ken Lowder, John Daniel, and Pete Wickham on a sand spit at the beach of Sandpiper Recreation Area of the Saylorville Reservoir on the 13th, but considerable searching there on the 14th failed to relocate it. This would be a second state record. There were BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER, DUNLIN, FRANKLIN'S and BONAPARTE'S GULLS, and CASPIAN TERNS at Sandpiper on the 14th. The road to this area is closed for the season, so drive through the marina to the far end of the parking lot, and walk in from there. The adult CALIFORNIA GULL is still at Saylorville, and was seen on the 13th just north of the Jester Park boat launch, and on the 14th sitting on an island opposite the end of the dead end road which is just south of the hiway 17 bridge. There were 2 EARED GREBES just above the Saylorville Dam on the 11th. Elsewhere in central Iowa, at Union Grove State Park in Tama County, 12 HERMIT

THRUSHES, 3 WINTER WRENS, 3 ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLERS, and a SOLITARY VIREO on the 10th. The YELLOW RAIL at Snake Creek Marsh in Greene County was not relocated this week.

In the south-central, one SCISSOR TAILED FLYCATCHER was still present on the 13th around the home of Evelyn Wright, who lives in a brick house, which is also the first house on the east side of hiway 5 north of Lovilla. Call Evelyn for updates at (515) 946-7914. An AMERICAN PIPIT was at the beach of Whitebreast Recreation Area of the Red Rock Reservoir on the 13th.

In the north-central, Curt Nelson had 12 species of sparrows in a field on his farm at the north edge of Mason City on the 10th. They included SHARP-TAILED, LECONTE'S, LINCOLN'S, and HARRIS'. If interested, call Curt at (515) 696-5600.

Jim Fuller (319) 338-3561

THURSDAY, 2 WINTER WEAVERS, 1 ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER, and 4
SOLITARY VIREO on the 10th. The YELLOW RAIL at Snake Creek
marsh in Greene County was not reported this week.

In the south-central, one BELMONT TAILD SWAMPSPUR was
still present on the 10th around the home of Evelyn Wright,
who lives in a brick house which is near the first house on
the east side of highway north of Lovell. Call Evelyn for
updates at (515) 944-1111. AN AMERICAN BIRD was at the
basin of Whitebark Reservoir area of the Red Hook
Reservoir on the 10th.

In the north-central, Curt Nelson had a species of sparrow
in a field on his farm at the north edge of Mason City on
the 10th. They included SHARP-TAILED, LEICOMTSKY, LINCOLN'S
and HARRIS'. If interested, call Curt at (515) 882-2200.
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